

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Families serve as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support and they are the foundation of our communities, our state, and our nation; and,

Whereas, Many children and elderly residents reside with and/or are cared for by other family members, both formally and informally; and,

Whereas, Family members open their homes and hearts to provide a source of love, support, and belonging to their kin in times of need, and they play a vital role in helping families remain strong and connected; and,

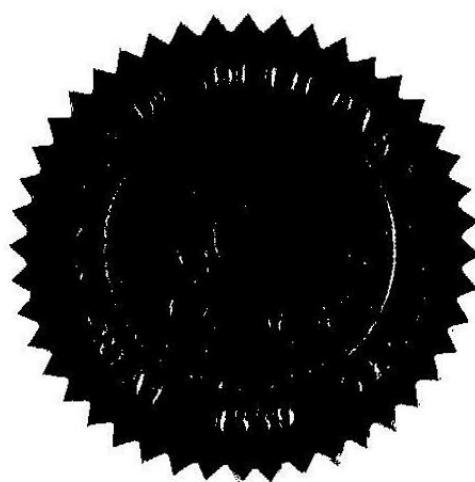
Whereas, Dedicated kinship families know no boundaries of race, creed, culture, or social status; and,

Whereas, There are numerous tribal, state, and local agencies who encourage and support kinship care and acknowledge the enduring and valuable contribution of kinship providers:

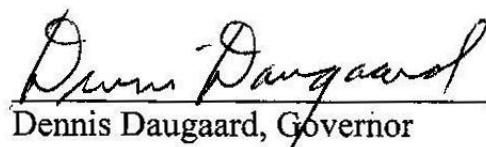
Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as

KINSHIP APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and I honor and applaud all kinship providers for the valuable role they play in supporting our children and our elderly citizens.

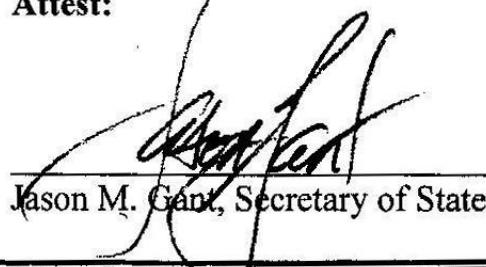


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirty-first Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.



Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:



Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State